

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6034

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Transportation, January 30, 2012

Title: An act relating to "4-H" special license plates.

Brief Description: Creating "4-H" special license plates.

Sponsors: Senators King, Haugen, Schoesler, Hatfield, Holmquist Newbry, Honeyford, Shin, Hewitt, Rolfes, Sheldon, Becker and Roach.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/26/12, 1/30/12 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6034 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Eide, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Minority Member; Fain, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Delvin, Ericksen, Litzow, Rolfes, Sheldon, Shin and Swecker.

Staff: Amanda Cecil (786-7429)

Background: The Department of Licensing (DOL) issues special vehicle license plates that may be used in lieu of standard plates. A governmental or nonprofit sponsoring organization seeking to sponsor a special plate either submits an application to DOL or requests legislation to create the special plate.

Revenues generated from the sale of a special license plate are first used to reimburse the motor vehicle account for any costs associated with establishing the new plate. After DOL determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the new plate, the remaining revenues are directed to various accounts and uses prescribed by the specific plate. DOL may also deduct up to \$12 for an original issue and \$2 for the renewal of a special plate to cover administration and collection expenses.

There is a moratorium on the issuance of new special license plates until July 1, 2013.

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Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute): The 4-H special license plate, displaying the 4-H logo, is created. In addition to all fees and taxes that are required to be paid for a vehicle registration, a fee of \$40 is charged for an original issue 4-H special license plate, and a \$30 fee is charged upon renewal.

Proceeds from the 4-H special license plate are to promote 4-H throughout Washington State.

The 4-H special license plate is exempt from the temporary moratorium on special license plates.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Recommended Substitute): Adds an effective date of January 1, 2013.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

[OFM requested ten-year cost projection pursuant to I-960.]

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on January 1, 2013.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: PRO: This is a program that teaches kids about responsibility, helps them develop poise, nurtures a positive work ethic, and helps them develop positive character attributes. Children that participate in 4-H become life-long learners; 4-H teaches kids how to make friends, how to keep records, and how to speak in public.

There are 90,000 Washington youth ages 8-19 that are involved and are learning critical life skills and there are 6000 adult volunteers. It is also not just about farming and cooking; for example, there are counties that have leadership, citizenship, science, engineering, mathematics, robotics, technology and mechanical engineering programs. Up to 90 percent of involvement is in urban areas. It is a diverse, expanding program and revenue will provide critical support for expansion of programs, including the Operation Military program, which helps military families recognize 4-H opportunities in their communities.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Pat Boyes, Kirk Gresham, WA State 4-H Youth Development; Lloyd Spencer, Coroware, WA State 4-H Youth Development; Trent Stewart, WA 4-H Foundation; Margot Gresham, WA State 4-H Clark County; Kevin L. Wright, WSU Extension 4-H; Briahna Taylor, citizen.